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*Note to page 327.* After our remarks on the subject of the Italian Sailor, put to death at Canton, for an alleged murder, had passed through the press, we met with the following account of the affair, in the Chinese Repository, published at Canton, in the month of January of the present year, page 423. We spoke with some hesitation on this subject; but our readers perceive from the following perfectly authentic statement, that we were warranted in denying the accuracy of the assertion in the Quarterly Review. Considering the subject-matter, that assertion may well be pronounced not only gratuitous but malicious.

‘The circumstances connected with the execution of the unfortunate Francis Terranova, an Italian sailor serving on board an American ship, in 1821, are yet fresh in the recollections of many. We do not undertake to say what degree of blame was imputable to him in causing the death of *Ko-leang-she*. It is generally believed that he was bartering with that woman for ardent spirits, when the quarrel arose which ended in her death. The charge of murder was brought against him, the *whole* American trade was stopped, and the security merchant and linguist of the ship *Emily*, to which he belonged, were both arrested, and placed in close confinement within the walls of the city of Canton. On the 25th of October, Terranova was brought from Whampoa, and placed in irons at the public hall of the Hong merchants. “During the two following days, the forms of a Chinese trial were gone through in the same place, but the precise nature of the proceedings can only be conjectured, as no foreigner of any description was allowed to be present; and on the third day, about day-break, notwithstanding a very general expectation entertained here, that his life would be spared, the unfortunate man was brought forth and publicly strangled at the usual place of execution, without the walls of the city. His body was given up to the Americans in the course of the evening, and on the following day, the trade was re-opened.”’

Since the foregoing lines were in type, we have, through the kind intervention of a gentleman at Baltimore of the highest respectability, received from the owner of the *Emily*, the vessel on board which the unfortunate occurrence happened, and from her captain, an authentic account of the proceedings in the case. It fully confutes the unwarrantable insinuation in the Quarterly Review; and possesses considerable interest as a sketch of Chinese jurisprudence and manners. It comes too late for insertion in our present number, but will find a place, with the appropriate comment, in our number for January next.

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